

**U.S. District Court  
Southern District of New York (Foley Square)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-02043-JPO**

International Refugee Assistance Project v. United States  
Department of Homeland Security et al  
Assigned to: Judge J. Paul Oetken  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/05/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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03/05/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, United States Department of Homeland Security. (Filing Fee \$ 400.00, Receipt Number ANYSDC-16446553) Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project.(Ramos-Mrosovsky, Carlos) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>2</u>	DECLARATION of Betsy Fisher in Support re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Exhibit 4, # <u>5</u> Exhibit 5)(Ramos-Mrosovsky, Carlos) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>3</u>	CIVIL COVER SHEET filed. (Ramos-Mrosovsky, Carlos) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>4</u>	<b>FILING ERROR – DEFICIENT REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS – PDF ERROR</b> REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to United States Department of Homeland Security, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project. (Ramos-Mrosovsky, Carlos) Modified on 3/6/2019 (sj). (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>5</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project. (Ramos-Mrosovsky, Carlos) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>6</u>	RULE 7.1 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. No Corporate Parent. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project.(Ramos-Mrosovsky, Carlos) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/06/2019	<u>7</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Brian David Burton on behalf of International Refugee Assistance Project. (Burton, Brian) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019		<b>***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING PARTY MODIFICATION. Notice to attorney Carlos Ramos-Mrosovsky. The party information for the following party/parties has been modified: International Refugee Assistance Project. The information for the party/parties has been modified for the following reason/reasons: party role was entered incorrectly. (sj)</b> (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019		CASE OPENING INITIAL ASSIGNMENT NOTICE: The above-entitled action is assigned to Judge J. Paul Oetken. Please download and review the Individual Practices of the assigned District Judge, located at <a href="http://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/District">http://nysd.uscourts.gov/judges/District</a> . Attorneys are responsible for providing courtesy copies to judges where their Individual Practices require such. Please download and review the ECF Rules and Instructions, located at <a href="http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php">http://nysd.uscourts.gov/ecf_filing.php</a> . (sj) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019		Magistrate Judge Katharine H. Parker is so designated. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73(b)(1) parties are notified that they may consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. Parties who wish to consent may access the necessary form at the following link: <a href="http://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms.php">http://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms.php</a> . (sj) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019		Case Designated ECF. (sj) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019	<u>8</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. (sj) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019		<b>***NOTICE TO ATTORNEY REGARDING DEFICIENT REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS. Notice to Attorney Carlos Ramos-Mrosovsky to RE-FILE Document No. <u>4</u> Request for Issuance of Summons. The filing is deficient for the following reason(s): the PDF attached to the docket entry for the issuance of summons is not correct; caption error, caption must correspond with caption of pleading; you must include c/o on the second line in the "TO" field. Re-file the document using the event type Request for Issuance of Summons found under the event list Service of Process – select the correct filer/filers – and attach the correct summons form PDF. (sj)</b> (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019	<u>9</u>	REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS as to United States Department of Homeland Security, re: <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project. (Ramos-Mrosovsky, Carlos) (Entered: 03/06/2019)

03/06/2019	<u>10</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Alexander Athan Yanos on behalf of International Refugee Assistance Project. (Yanos, Alexander) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/07/2019	<u>11</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED as to United States Department of Homeland Security. (dnh) (Entered: 03/07/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>12</u>	SUMMONS RETURNED EXECUTED Summons and Complaint, served. United States Department of Homeland Security served on 3/15/2019. Service was accepted by Ms. Clark, Clerk. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project. (Ramos-Mrosofsky, Carlos) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/20/2019	<u>13</u>	SUMMONS RETURNED EXECUTED Summons and Complaint, served. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services served on 3/8/2019. Service was accepted by Haojun Li, Civil Clerk. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project. (Ramos-Mrosofsky, Carlos) (Entered: 03/20/2019)
03/27/2019	<u>14</u>	NOTICE OF APPEARANCE by Tomoko Onozawa on behalf of United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, United States Department of Homeland Security. (Onozawa, Tomoko) (Entered: 03/27/2019)
04/04/2019	<u>15</u>	LETTER MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re: <u>1</u> Complaint, addressed to Judge J. Paul Oetken from AUSA Tomoko Onozawa dated 4/4/2019. Document filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, United States Department of Homeland Security.(Onozawa, Tomoko) (Entered: 04/04/2019)
04/05/2019	<u>16</u>	LETTER addressed to Judge J. Paul Oetken from Brian D. Burton dated April 5, 2019 re: Defendants' Extension of Time to Respond to the Complaint. Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project.(Burton, Brian) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/05/2019	17	ORDER granting <u>15</u> Letter Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. GRANTED. DEFENDANTS SHALL ANSWER OR OTHERWISE RESPOND TO THE COMPLAINT ON OR BEFORE APRIL 22, 2019. SO ORDERED. (HEREBY ORDERED by Judge J. Paul Oetken)(Text Only Order) (bh) (Entered: 04/05/2019)
04/22/2019	<u>18</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint,. Document filed by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, United States Department of Homeland Security.(Onozawa, Tomoko) (Entered: 04/22/2019)
04/23/2019	<u>19</u>	ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that counsel for all parties appear for an initial status conference with the Court on May 9, 2019, at 3:30 p.m. The conference will be held in Courtroom 706 of the Thurgood Marshall United States Court House, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, at least three business days prior to the date of the conference, the parties submit a joint letter, not to exceed five (5) pages, providing the following information in separate paragraphs: 1. A brief description of the nature of the action and the principal defenses thereto; 2. A brief description of all contemplated and/or outstanding motions; 3. A proposed schedule for the case going forward; and 4. Any other information that the parties believe may assist the Court in advancing the case to settlement or other resolution, including, but not limited to, a description of any dispositive or novel issue raised by the case. SO ORDERED. (Signed by Judge J. Paul Oetken on 4/23/2019) ( Initial Conference set for 5/9/2019 at 03:30 PM in Courtroom 706, 40 Centre Street, New York, NY 10007 before Judge J. Paul Oetken.) (ks) (Entered: 04/23/2019)
05/06/2019	<u>20</u>	JOINT LETTER addressed to Judge J. Paul Oetken from Carlos Ramos-Mrosofsky dated May 6, 2019 re: In Response to the Court's Order of April 23, 2019 (Dkt No. 19). Document filed by International Refugee Assistance Project. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Ramos-Mrosofsky, Carlos) (Entered: 05/06/2019)
05/09/2019		Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge J. Paul Oetken: Initial Pretrial Conference held on 5/9/2019. The Court adopts the briefing schedule proposed by the parties. (bh) (Entered: 05/09/2019)